MR. A. GOPALA MENON (*Director of Public Instruction*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) 10 (1) Mr. K. Abdul Karim.
(2) Mr. S. Ganesa Iyer.
(3) Mr. S. Raghavan.
(4) Mr. M. Ponnappan.
(5) Mr. M. K. Kunjukrishnan.
(6) Mrs. Dora Culas.
(7) Sry. B. Visalakshi Amma.
(8) Sry. M. Lekshmi Ammal.
(9) Miss. Lily Fernandez.
(10) Sry. L. Gomathi Ammal.

(*c*) The appointments were made on communal and other considerations.

Grade Promotions to Petty Officers.

5. **MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR**: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of grade promotions given to Petty Officers by the present Excise Commissioner; and

(*b*) the number of grade promotions obtained by the Nadars?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA G. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI: (*a*) 28.

(*b*) Nil.

Irrigation scheme at Aruvikara.

6. **MR. T. C. KESAVA PILLAI** (*Kalkulam* cum *Vilavankod*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have sanctioned any amount for the investigation of an irrigation scheme at Aruvikara in Neyyar; and

(*b*) if the answer is in the affirmative whether any amount on this account lapsed last year?

MR. I. C. CHACKO: (*a*) Yes. Rs. 2,000 in 1116 and Rs. 1,000 in 1117.

(*b*) The provision for 1116 lapsed.

Chittar scheme.

7. **MR. T. C. KESAVA PILLAI**: Will the Government be pleased to state whether any investigation was made about the Chittar scheme in Vilavankod taluk?

MR. I. C. CHACKO: Some preliminary investigations were made, but as it was found that the scheme would be very costly, further investigation was not made.

Irrigation Committee for the Nagercoil Division.

8. **MR. T. C. KESAVA PILLAI**: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether there is an Irrigation Committee for the Nagercoil Division; and

(*b*) if the answer is in the affirmative whether that Committee is functioning at present?

MR. I. C. CHACKO: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes.

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